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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU CERTIFIES FREQUENCY COORDINATORS FOR THE 800 MHz SMR POOL

WT Docket No. 02-55

On December 22, 2004, the Commission released a Supplemental Order and Order on Reconsideration in WT Docket No. 02-55. The 800 MHz Supplemental Order noted, among other things, that in the former 800 MHz Specialized Mobile Radio (SMR) Pool there was no frequency coordination requirement and hence no recognized frequency coordinators. Because coordination will be required for certain stations operating on frequencies in the new SMR Pool (See Section 90.617(d) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 90.617(d)), the Commission stated that it must certify frequency coordinators to coordinate spectrum in the new SMR Pool. The Commission concluded that the current 800 MHz General Category coordinators are qualified to coordinate spectrum use in this pool. It stated that any of these coordinators interested in coordinating frequencies in the new SMR Pool must notify the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau of their intention to coordinate these frequencies within forty-five days of release of the 800 MHz Supplemental Order (February 7, 2005).²

We have received requests from the United Telecom Council (UTC), the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials, Inc. (APCO), the Industrial Telecommunications Association, Inc. (ITA), the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA), the Forestry Conservation Communications Association (FCCA) and the Manufacturers Radio Frequency Advisory Committee (MRFAC) to serve as a frequency coordinator for frequencies in the new SMR Pool.³ We have reviewed their filings and hereby certify UTC, APCO, ITA, PCIA, FCCA and MRFAC to coordinate 800 MHz SMR Pool frequencies.

¹ See Improving Public Safety Communications in the 800 MHz Band, WT Docket No. 02-55, Supplemental Order and Order on Reconsideration, FCC 04-294 (Dec. 22, 2004) (800 MHz Supplemental Order).

² The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has delegated authority to select frequency coordinators in the services it administers. See 800 MHz Supplemental Order at ¶68, n.155.

³ See letter filed January 31, 2005 from Jill Lyon, Vice President and General Counsel of UTC, letter filed February 2, 2005 from Ron Haraseth, Director-APCO, letter filed February 3, 2005 from Mark Crosby, President and CEO of ITA, letter filed February 7, 2005 from Alan S. Tilles counsel for PCIA, letter filed February 7, 2005 from Ralph A. Haller Executive Manager of FCCA, and letter filed February 16, 2005 from Marvin W. McKinley, President of MRFAC, each addressed to Michael Wilhelm, Chief Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

Information on the 800 MHz reconfiguration process in general is available at http://www.800MHz.gov. For additional information on the Commission's 800 MHz band reconfiguration *Report and Order* and *Supplemental Order*, please contact Roberto Mussenden, Esq., Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, at (202) 418-0680, TTY (202) 418-7233, or via e-mail to Roberto.Mussenden@fcc.gov.

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